# Strange Quark as a Probe for new physics in the Higgs sector

So far, only Higgs Boson couplings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation demonstrated... Is Yukawa coupling really universal between families?

Could current flavour anomalies have origin in the Higgs sector?

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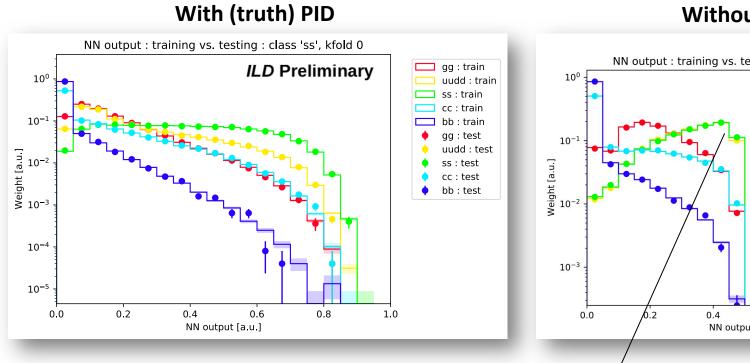


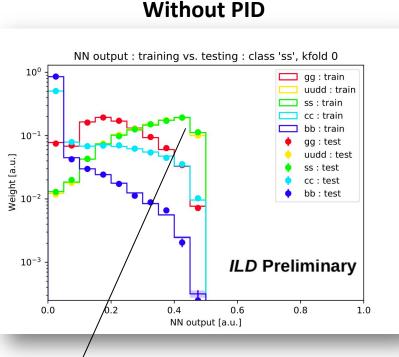
#### **Lol** for Snowmass 2021

- Strange Quark as a probe for new physics in the Higgs Sector
  - Study Higgs boson couplings to light quarks, in particular to the strange quark
    - Very rare in the SM
      - $BR(H \to s\bar{s}) \cong 10^{-4}$
    - Powerful channel to investigate the big questions in the previous page!
  - Calls for lepton colliders and dedicated detector technologies and reconstruction techniques!

- Somewhat related to the Instrumentation Frontier Lol on 4D Tracking
- Most recent presentations: <u>ILCx 2021</u>, <u>Higgs 2021</u>, <u>SiDOptimizationMeeting</u>
- Studies performed in ILD, but of general applicability

# Performance Recap: Strange Tagger with & without PID

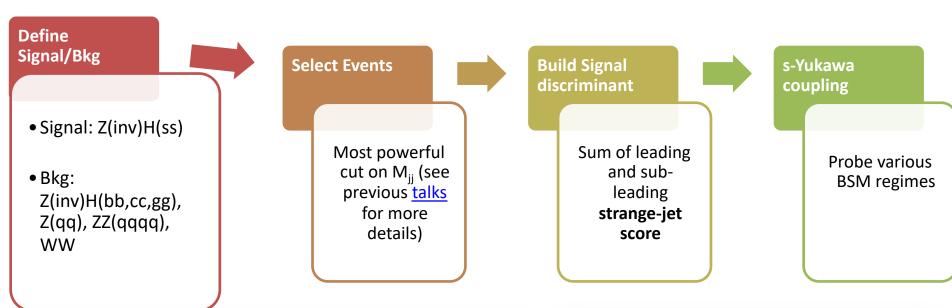


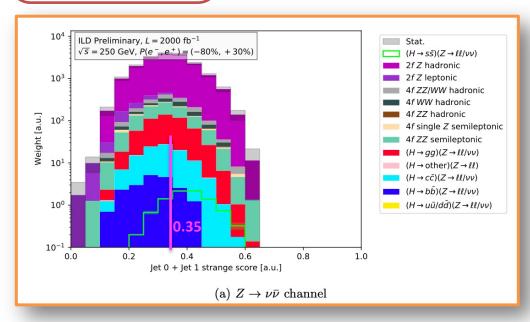


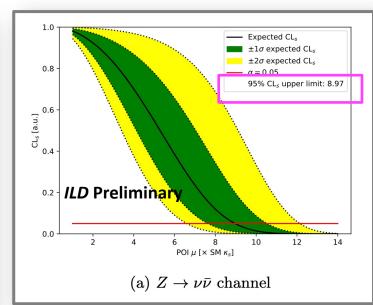
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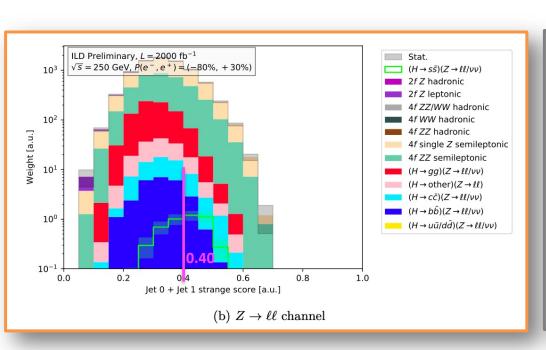


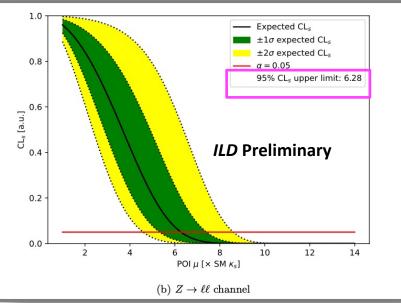




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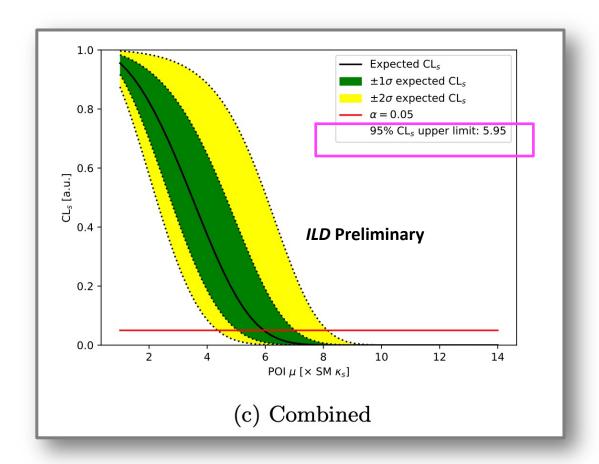
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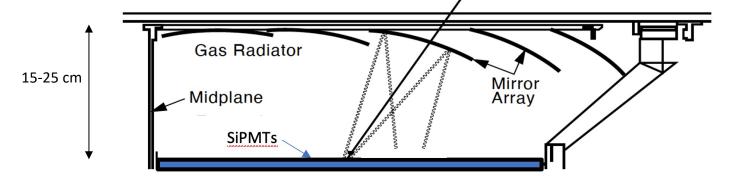
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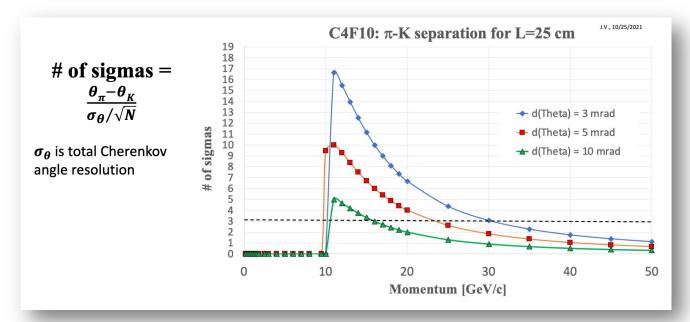


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Update: Compact Gaseous RICH with SiPMTs



- Reach of PID performance depends on the Cherenkov angle resolution
  - Effects of chromaticity, bending of tracks, pixel size, tracking precision, noise, etc.)



We should try to keep the Cherenkov error below the 5 mrad level!

#### **Publication plans**

Measurement prospects for Higgs decays to strange quark pairs with the future International Large Detector at the International Linear Collider

- The paper is organized as follows:
  - Section 2 describes the International Large Detector, a proposed detector at the ILC and the detector used for the contained studies;
  - Section 3 describes the Monte Carlo samples included in the study;
  - Section 4 describes the development and validation of a jet flavour tagger using a neural network;
  - Section 5 describes the application of the jet flavour tagger to a SM  $h \to s\bar{s}$  analysis with ILD at the  $\sqrt{s}=250\,\mathrm{GeV}$  ILC run;
  - Section 6 describes a detector proposal which would maximize particle identification (PID) at high momenta and thus boost strange tagging performance.
  - Section 7 describes the conclusions and next steps.

- Preliminary draft being written (currently ~30 pages)
  - Analysis documentation

     ~complete, detector part to
     be added
- Discussion with ILD community
  in the coming weeks to agree on
  review procedure (the detector
  part is not ILD-related), then
  upload on arxiv

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#### Wish list:

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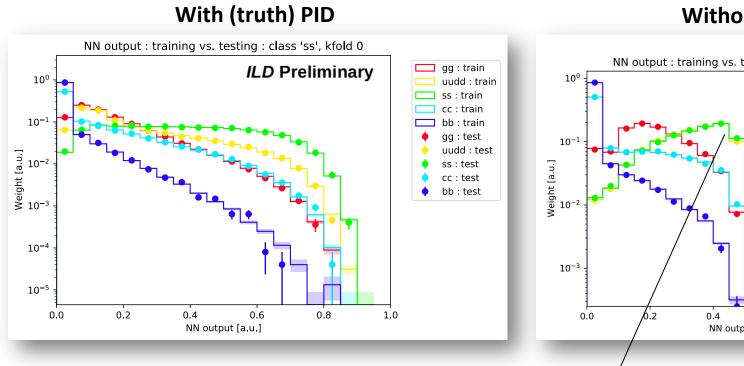
- Final results with no PID info or partial PID for certain momentum thresholds
- H->cs results (work has started, but might not arrive on time)
  - The BSM aspects will still be highlighter by saying how much we are reducing the phase space for new physics leading to enhancements of H->ss rate → allows for later interpretations
    - Get in touch with theory colleagues to expand the discussion about interpretations
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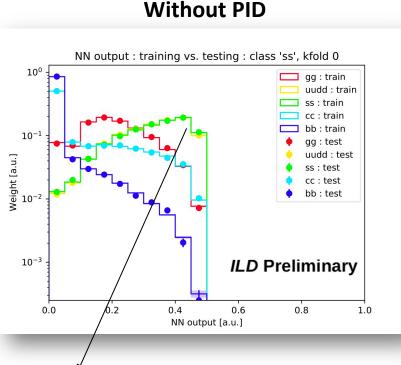
# Thanks for your attention!





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#### **Event Selection**

Table 3: Kinematic selections for  $Z \to \nu \bar{\nu}$  and  $Z \to \ell \ell$  channels of the  $h \to s\bar{s}$  analysis. The selections are grouped into categories serving specific purposes.

Category	Selection	$Z  o  u ar{ u}$	$Z  o \ell \ell$
Object counting	$ig $ Number of leptons, $N_{ m leptons}$ Number of jets, $N_{ m jets}$ Leading 2 leptons are SFOS <sup>2</sup>	$\begin{vmatrix} 0 \\ \geq 2 \\ - \end{vmatrix}$	$egin{array}{c} \geq 2 \ \geq 2 \  m True \end{array}$
2f~Z rejection	Leading jet momentum, $p_{j_0}$ Subleading jet momentum, $p_{j_1}$ Dijet mass, $M_{jj}$ Dijet energy, $E_{jj}$ Missing mass, $M_{\text{miss}}$ Dijet/missing- $p^{\mu}$ angular separation, $\Delta R_{jj,\text{miss}}^3$ Dijet azimuthal separation, $\Delta \phi_{jj}$ Leading lepton momentum, $p_{\ell_0}$ Subleading lepton momentum, $p_{\ell_1}$ Dilepton mass, $M_{\ell\ell}$ Dilepton energy, $E_{\ell\ell}$	$ \begin{array}{c} \in [40, 110] \text{ GeV} \\ \in [30, 80] \text{ GeV} \\ \in [120, 140] \text{ GeV} \\ \in [125, 155] \text{ GeV} \\ \in [75, 120] \text{ GeV} \\ \in [3.1, 4.0]^4 \\ > 1.25 \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ - \\ $	$ \begin{array}{c} \in [60,110] \; \mathrm{GeV} \\ \in [30,75] \; \mathrm{GeV} \\ \in [115,145] \; \mathrm{GeV} \\ \in [130,160] \; \mathrm{GeV} \\ \hline \\ - \\ > 1.75 \\ \in [40,90] \; \mathrm{GeV} \\ \in [20,60] \; \mathrm{GeV} \\ \in [70,100] \; \mathrm{GeV} \\ \in [85,115] \; \mathrm{GeV} \\ \end{array} $
$h  o b ar{b}/car{c}$ rejection	Leading jet LCFIPlus BTag score, $\operatorname{score}_b^{j_0}$ Subleading jet LCFIPlus BTag score, $\operatorname{score}_c^{j_1}$ Leading jet LCFIPlus CTag score, $\operatorname{score}_c^{j_0}$ Subleading jet LCFIPlus CTag score, $\operatorname{score}_c^{j_1}$	< 0.20 < 0.20 < 0.35 < 0.35	< 0.1 < 0.1 < 0.3 < 0.3
$4f\ VV$ rejection	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \rightarrow 3 \text{ jet transition variable, } y_{23} \\ 2 \rightarrow 3 \text{ jet transition variable, } y_{34} \end{array}$	< 0.010 < 0.002	< 0.050 < 0.005
h  o gg rejection		$ \begin{array}{c c} \in [30, 60] \\ \in [10, 40] \\ \in [9, 37] \end{array} $	$\in [20, 80]$ $\in [5, 50]$ $\in [5, 50]$

#### **Cut Flows**

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$ILD$ Preliminary, $\mathcal{L} =$	$2000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , $\sqrt{s} = 250 \text{ GeV}$	$I, P(e^-, e^+) = \langle -80\%, +3 \rangle$	30%)													30
	$(H \rightarrow s\bar{s})(Z \rightarrow \ell\ell/\nu\nu)$	$(H \to gg)(Z \to \ell\ell/\nu\nu)$	$(H \rightarrow u \bar{u}/d \bar{d})(Z \rightarrow \ell \ell/\nu \nu)$	$(H \to c \bar{c})(Z \to \ell \ell / \nu \nu)$	$(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})(Z \rightarrow \ell\ell/\nu\nu)$	$(H \to \text{other})(Z \to \ell \ell)$	2f Z hadronic	4f ZZ hadronic	4f WW hadronic	4f ZZ/WW hadronic	2f Z leptonie	$4f\ ZZ$ semileptonic	4f single $Z$ semileptonic	Total birg.	Sig. off.	Bkg. eff.
No cut	64.51 ± 1.14	$26095.47 \pm 35.08$	$0.13 \pm 0.0$	$8860.89 \pm 16.64$	$175695.3 \pm 176.22$	$31773.76 \pm 46.82$	$255931062.5 \pm 50827.22$	$2810119.87 \pm 1054.69$	$29732839.84 \pm 7731.14$	$24177280.41 \pm 5691.47$	$42428003.91 \pm 8571.75$	$1676158.94 \pm 817.92$	$2539817.83 \pm 1016.32$	359537773.37 ± 52458.49	1.00e+00	1.00n+00
No leptons	$48.29 \pm 0.6$	$19695.06 \pm 27.73$	$0.13 \pm 0.0$	$6675.43 \pm 11.18$	$131811.89 \pm 167.15$	$6268.25 \pm 20.66$	$253692442.95 \pm 50604.44$	$2795922.02 \pm 1052.03$	$29604798.82 \pm 7714.47$	$24073642.64 \pm 5679.26$	$18721739.44 \pm 5693.99$	$851521.55 \pm 582.98$	$1011752.12 \pm 641.45$	330916318.59 ± 51835.17	7.49e-01	9.20e-01
≥2 jets	$48.29 \pm 0.6$	$19695.06 \pm 27.73$	$0.13 \pm 0.0$	$6675.43 \pm 11.18$	$131811.89 \pm 167.15$	$6216.23 \pm 20.58$	$253692331.92 \pm 50604.43$	$2795922.02 \pm 1052.03$	$29604798.82 \pm 7714.47$	$24073642.64 \pm 5679.26$	$17830382.5 \pm 5556.78$	$851521.55 \pm 582.98$		330024796.57 ± 51820.27		
$p_{j_0} \in [40, 110] \text{ GeV}$	47.41 ± 0.59	$19512.14 \pm 27.58$	$0.13 \pm 0.0$	$6591.48 \pm 11.07$	$130386.65 \pm 166.35$	$4719.6 \pm 17.93$	$157498040.21 \pm 39872.4$		$25394290.9 \pm 7144.85$	$20720712.03 \pm 5268.93$	$3973417.2 \pm 2623.16$	$689124.99 \pm 524.45$		211352725.23 ± 40950.73	7.35e-01	
$p_{j_1} \in [30, 80] \text{ GeV}$	43.65 ± 0.54	$18516.51 \pm 26.82$	$0.12 \pm 0.0$	$6286.23 \pm 10.71$	$122931.01 \pm 161.78$	$3704.24 \pm 15.88$	$107287881.34 \pm 32908.66$	$1005428.35 \pm 630.87$	$6139566.28 \pm 3513.13$	$5224597.83 \pm 2645.74$	$522979.7 \pm 951.67$	$508522.82 \pm 450.51$	$150690.35 \pm 247.55$	120991148.43 ± 33225.25	6.77e-01	3.37e-01
$M_{1j} \in [120, 140] \text{ GeV}$	32.05 ± 0.38	$13381.62 \pm 22.26$	$0.09 \pm 0.0$	$4197.13 \pm 8.2$	$69510.76 \pm 123.28$	$1176.03 \pm 8.95$	$8471483.31 \pm 9247.29$	$16096.34 \pm 79.82$	$217286.18 \pm 660.91$	$174691.55 \pm 483.79$	$50982.87 \pm 297.14$	$71310.19 \pm 168.71$	$19882.33 \pm 89.92$		4.97e-01	2.53e-02
$E_{1j} \in [125, 155] \text{ GeV}$	$31.54 \pm 0.37$	$13195.22 \pm 22.09$	$0.09 \pm 0.0$	$4138.2 \pm 8.13$	$68431.89 \pm 122.37$	$1130.0 \pm 8.77$	$31.15326.57 \pm 5607.72$	$8724.87 \pm 58.77$	$103011.37 \pm 455.06$	83133.43 ± 233.74	$45493.21 \pm 280.68$	$44520.23 \pm 133.3$		3502536.49 ± 5646.85	4.89e-01	
$M_{\rm cuto} \in [75, 120] \text{ GeV}$	29.66 ± 0.36	$12431.98 \pm 21.42$	$0.09 \pm 0.0$	3897.6 ± 7.86	$64672.67 \pm 119.07$	$1014.35 \pm 8.31$	$1269359.28 \pm 3579.54$	$4371.34 \pm 41.6$	$46621.77 \pm 306.14$	$37363.09 \pm 223.74$	$36735.72 \pm 252.22$	$24247.55 \pm 98.38$	$11056.09 \pm 67.05$	1511801.18 ± 3612.64	4.60e-01	4.20e-03
$\Delta R_{ij,\text{trains}} \in [3.1, 4.0]$	25.27 ± 0.31	$10708.0 \pm 19.88$	$0.07 \pm 0.0$	$3358.7 \pm 7.3$	$55705.28 \pm 110.51$	$866.91 \pm 7.68$	$212330.4 \pm 1464.0$	$3092.75 \pm 34.99$	$36683.09 \pm 271.56$	$29230.48 \pm 197.9$	$15476.7 \pm 163.71$	$15023.41 \pm 77.44$				
$\Delta \phi_{jj} > 1.25$	23.84 ± 0.31	$9939.25 \pm 19.15$	$0.07 \pm 0.0$	$3163.72 \pm 7.08$	$52405.74 \pm 107.21$	$779.39 \pm 7.28$	$190315.06 \pm 1386.03$	$2789.54 \pm 33.23$	$32543.98 \pm 255.78$	$25899.73 \pm 186.28$	$13228.88 \pm 151.36$	$13633.66 \pm 73.77$	$749.11 \pm 17.45$	$345471.96 \pm 1436.28$	3.70e-01	9.61e-04
$acore_{i-tag}^{io} < 0.20$	23.07 ± 0.31	$9064.62 \pm 18.28$	$0.07 \pm 0.0$	$2455.55 \pm 6.2$	$4481.42 \pm 31.41$	$601.51 \pm 6.4$	$127610.22 \pm 1134.95$	$1554.49 \pm 24.81$	$28047.04 \pm 237.45$	$22362.65 \pm 173.09$	$8958.37 \pm 124.55$	$9276.43 \pm 60.85$	$621.41 \pm 15.9$	215056.84 ± 1181.5	3.58e-01	5.98e-04
$score_{0,lag}^{j_1} < 0.20$	$22.26 \pm 0.3$	$8505.84 \pm 17.7$	$0.07 \pm 0.0$	$1920.09 \pm 5.46$	$477.27 \pm 10.28$	$493.89 \pm 5.8$	$111106.29 \pm 1059.02$	$1259.98 \pm 22.33$	$24117.0 \pm 220.18$	$19759.41 \pm 162.71$	$6572.01 \pm 106.68$	$7567.38 \pm 54.96$	$541.7 \pm 14.84$	182343.2 ± 1100.95	3.45e-01	5.07e-04
$score_{min}^{(c)} < 0.35$	$21.34 \pm 0.28$	$8087.73 \pm 17.19$	$0.06 \pm 0.0$	$681.96 \pm 3.26$	$245.28 \pm 7.36$	$370.8 \pm 5.02$	$95642.05 \pm 982.56$	$1077.1 \pm 20.65$	$18413.91 \pm 192.4$	$16643.03 \pm 149.33$	$2673.83 \pm 68.05$	$5892.26 \pm 48.49$	$492.49 \pm 14.15$	$150191.86 \pm 1016.24$	3.31e-01	4.18e-04
$score_{c-tag}^{f1} < 0.35$	20.61 ± 0.27	$7627.12 \pm 16.73$	$0.06 \pm 0.0$	$279.98 \pm 2.07$	$139.46 \pm 5.56$	$281.77 \pm 4.38$	$87597.02 \pm 940.33$	$974.58 \pm 19.64$	$13237.51 \pm 163.13$	$14368.05 \pm 138.75$	$1451.21 \pm 50.13$	$4338.87 \pm 41.61$	$447.76 \pm 13.49$	130764.01 ± 967.07	3.20e-01	3.64e-04
$y_{20} < 0.010$	$13.45 \pm 0.23$	$2783.47 \pm 10.11$	$0.04 \pm 0.0$	$157.85 \pm 1.53$	$59.82 \pm 3.65$	$9.74 \pm 0.81$	$31443.27 \pm 563.38$	$113.61 \pm 6.71$	$1055.38 \pm 46.06$	$1302.29 \pm 41.77$	$1314.4 \pm 47.71$	$1130.72 \pm 21.24$	$165.52 \pm 8.2$	$39549.56 \pm 569.4$	2.08e-01	1.10e-04
$y_{34} < 0.002$	$11.64 \pm 0.22$	$1508.06 \pm 7.44$	$0.03 \pm 0.0$	$128.67 \pm 1.39$	$42.88 \pm 3.1$	$2.32 \pm 0.4$	$24306.71 \pm 495.33$	$47.11 \pm 4.32$	$492.51 \pm 31.47$	$687.75 \pm 29.23$	$1286.69 \pm 47.2$	$806.23 \pm 17.94$	$122.82 \pm 7.07$	29393.42 ± 499.89	1.80e-01	8.17e-05
$N_{\rm PPCh}^{\rm round} \in [30, 60]$	9.71±0.19	$460.46 \pm 4.07$	$0.03 \pm 0.0$	$96.57 \pm 1.18$	$21.42 \pm 2.2$	$1.23 \pm 0.29$	$18351.16 \pm 430.39$	$21.38 \pm 2.91$	$241.23 \pm 22.02$	$337.63 \pm 21.27$	$438.13 \pm 27.55$	$619.44 \pm 15.72$	$95.16 \pm 6.22$	20693.55 ± 432.73	1.50e-01	5.75e-05
$N_{\rm PPOs}^{2s} \in [10, 40]$	$9.44 \pm 0.19$	$445.06 \pm 4.0$	$0.03 \pm 0.0$	$94.58 \pm 1.17$	$21.19 \pm 2.19$	$1.23 \pm 0.29$	$17149.96 \pm 416.07$	$20.58 \pm 2.85$	$233.19 \pm 21.65$	$329.59 \pm 21.01$	$349.81 \pm 24.61$	$591.5 \pm 15.36$	$69.95 \pm 5.33$	$19316.11 \pm 418.24$	1.46e-01	5.37e-05
$N_{P _{\Omega_{10}}}^{j} \in [9, 37]$	9.15±0.19	$431.49 \pm 3.94$	$0.03 \pm 0.0$	$92.25 \pm 1.16$	$19.56 \pm 2.1$	$1.23 \pm 0.29$	$16100.17 \pm 403.13$	$20.19 \pm 2.83$	$223.14 \pm 21.18$	$324.23 \pm 20.84$	$309.98 \pm 23.17$	$559.17 \pm 14.94$	$57.34 \pm 4.83$	$18147.92 \pm 405.23$	1.42e-01	5.05e-05

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≥2 leptons	12.55 ± 0.86	$5094.72 \pm 19.19$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$1725.93 \pm 10.98$	$34414.35 \pm 48.59$	$20045.48 \pm 37.27$		$87.09 \pm 5.87$	$800.08 \pm 40.1$		$17984724.21 \pm 5578.02$		$599633.62 \pm 493.82$	19042559.54 ± 5628.32		
Leading 2 leptons are SFOS	$12.22 \pm 0.85$	$5029.16 \pm 19.06$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$1703.55 \pm 10.9$	$33915.11 \pm 48.24$	$17026.98 \pm 34.35$		$55.02 \pm 4.67$		$353.71 \pm 21.77$	$17683936.61 \pm 5533.92$		$573238.66 \pm 482.83$			
≥2 jets	$12.22 \pm 0.85$	$5029.16 \pm 19.06$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$1703.55 \pm 10.9$	$33915.11 \pm 48.24$	$16930.03 \pm 34.25$		$55.02 \pm 4.67$		$353.71 \pm 21.77$			$573238.66 \pm 482.83$	$17752356.61 \pm 5424.65$		
$p_{j_0} \in [60, 110] \text{ GeV}$		$4571.55 \pm 18.17$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$1595.44 \pm 10.55$	$30236.02 \pm 45.55$	$6539.54 \pm 21.29$		$46.71 \pm 4.3$		$285.38 \pm 19.55$	$235006.12 \pm 637.94$		$385873.61 \pm 396.14$	$1015645.88 \pm 877.12$		
$p_{j_1} \in [30, 75] \text{ GeV}$	11.5 ± 0.82	$4375.06 \pm 17.78$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$1538.03 \pm 10.36$	$28689.22 \pm 44.37$	$5140.28 \pm 18.88$		$17.81 \pm 2.66$			$10650.29 \pm 135.81$	$233165.14 \pm 305.06$	$243602.82 \pm 314.75$	$531025.84 \pm 500.62$		
$M_{fj} \in [115, 145] \text{ GeV}$	$9.81 \pm 0.76$	$3691.65 \pm 16.32$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$1264.68 \pm 9.39$	$22453.12 \pm 39.25$	$3706.97 \pm 16.03$		$1.19 \pm 0.69$		$5.36 \pm 2.68$	$2658.24 \pm 67.85$		$61397.77 \pm 158.02$	$137599.51 \pm 231.44$		
$E_{jj} \in [130, 160] \text{ GeV}$	$9.63 \pm 0.75$	$3546.02 \pm 16.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$1182.85 \pm 9.09$	$20125.91 \pm 37.16$	$3513.65 \pm 15.6$		$1.19 \pm 0.69$		$4.02 \pm 2.32$	$1948.22 \pm 58.08$	$35688.82 \pm 119.35$	$52414.55 \pm 146.0$	$118804.28 \pm 211.15$		
$\Delta \phi_{71} > 1.75$	8.33 ± 0.7	$3122.06 \pm 15.01$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$1066.59 \pm 8.63$	$18087.03 \pm 35.23$	$2964.88 \pm 14.33$		$1.19 \pm 0.69$		$2.68 \pm 1.89$	$1078.88 \pm 43.22$	$27193.48 \pm 104.18$	$41553.26 \pm 130.0$	95393-31 ± 185.84		
$p_{\ell_0} \in [40, 90] \text{ GeV}$	8.28 ± 0.7	$3083.46 \pm 14.92$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$1053.16 \pm 8.57$	$17864.64 \pm 35.01$	$2923.97 \pm 14.23$		$0.4 \pm 0.4$		$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$464.11 \pm 28.35$	$23032.62 \pm 95.88$	$34281.36 \pm 118.07$	82792.75 ± 162.72		
$p_{\ell_1} \in [20, 60] \text{ GeV}$	8.23 ± 0.7	$3003.43 \pm 14.8$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$1034.14 \pm 8.5$	$17531.96 \pm 34.68$	$2874.49 \pm 14.11$	$60.56 \pm 24.73$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$349.81 \pm 24.61$	$21456.08 \pm 92.54$	$29659.81 \pm 109.83$	76008.52 ± 153.42		
$M_{tt} \in [70, 100] \text{ GeV}$	$7.71 \pm 0.67$	$2871.04 \pm 14.39$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$978.1 \pm 8.26$	$16618.67 \pm 33.76$	$2726.42 \pm 13.74$		$0.0 \pm 0.0$		$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$296.13 \pm 22.65$	$16918.05 \pm 82.17$	$21311.83 \pm 93.1$	$61768.32 \pm 133.96$		
$E_{tt} \in [85, 115] \text{ GeV}$	$7.66 \pm 0.67$	$2843.63 \pm 14.32$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$967.53 \pm 8.22$	$16436.56 \pm 33.57$	$2694.88 \pm 13.66$	$40.38 \pm 20.19$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$162.78 \pm 16.79$	$10095.83 \pm 63.48$	$14714.61 \pm 77.36$	$47963.86 \pm 110.86$	1.19e-01	1.33e-04
secendary = 0.1	$6.74 \pm 0.63$	$2435.67 \pm 13.26$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$570.02 \pm 6.31$	$810.59 \pm 7.45$	$1883.22 \pm 11.42$	$30.28 \pm 17.48$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$133.35 \pm 15.2$	$7093.62 \pm 53.21$	$10389.54 \pm 65.0$	$23353.01 \pm 89.41$	1.04e-01	6.49e-05
$score_{b-tag}^{2} < 0.1$	$6.08 \pm 0.6$	$21.45.87 \pm 12.44$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$332.25 \pm 4.81$	$76.16 \pm 2.28$	$1416.5 \pm 9.9$	$20.19 \pm 14.28$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0\pm0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$105.64 \pm 13.53$	$5994.44 \pm 48.91$	$8752.64 \pm 59.66$	$18849.77 \pm 81.37$	9.43e-02	5.24e-05
$score_{c-tag}^{jo} < 0.3$	$5.96 \pm 0.59$	$2055.37 \pm 12.18$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$129.61 \pm 3.01$	$53.15 \pm 1.91$	$1209.79 \pm 9.15$	$20.19 \pm 14.28$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$100.44 \pm 13.19$	$5458.81 \pm 46.68$	$8047.85 \pm 57.21$	1708L16±77.94	9.23e-02	4.75e-05
$secee^{j_1}_{r-tag} < 0.3$	$5.79 \pm 0.58$	$1972.93 \pm 11.93$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$60.36 \pm 2.05$	$40.25 \pm 1.66$	$1042.23 \pm 8.5$	$20.19 \pm 14.28$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$96.98 \pm 12.96$	$5126.74 \pm 45.23$	$7591.15 \pm 55.56$	$15966.63 \pm 75.68$	8.97e-02	4.44e-05
$y_{00} < 0.050$	$5.49 \pm 0.57$	$1623.21 \pm 10.82$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$53.38 \pm 1.93$	$36.75 \pm 1.59$	$512.04 \pm 5.95$	$20.19 \pm 14.28$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$96.98 \pm 12.96$	$4121.35 \pm 40.56$	$6027.86 \pm 49.51$	$12497.25 \pm 68.02$	8.51e-02	3.47e-05
304 < 0.005	$4.75 \pm 0.53$	$1160.13 \pm 9.15$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$46.48 \pm 1.8$	$31.19 \pm 1.46$	$119.85 \pm 2.88$	$20.19 \pm 14.28$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$96.98 \pm 12.96$	$3292.77 \pm 36.25$	$4516.22 \pm 42.86$	$9288.55 \pm 60.17$	7.36e-02	2.58e-05
$N_{\text{PROs}}^{\text{event}} \in [20, 80]$	4.7 ± 0.53	$755.14 \pm 7.38$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$43.81 \pm 1.75$	$27.63 \pm 1.38$	$99.07 \pm 2.62$	$20.19 \pm 14.28$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$50.22 \pm 9.33$	$3141.5 \pm 35.41$	$4292.95 \pm 41.78$	8435.21 ± 57.94	7.28e-02	2.34e-05
$N_{PPO_n}^{r_0} \in [5, 50]$	$4.64 \pm 0.52$	$722.43 \pm 7.21$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$42.9 \pm 1.73$	$26.62 \pm 1.35$	$94.92 \pm 2.56$	$20.19 \pm 14.28$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$39.83 \pm 8.31$	$3088.82 \pm 35.11$	$4206.32 \pm 41.36$	$8246.68 \pm 57.27$	7.20s-02	2.29e-05
$N_{\rm PROs}^{h} \in [5, 50]$	$4.64 \pm 0.52$	$711.51 \pm 7.16$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$42.42 \pm 1.72$	$26.41 \pm 1.34$	$98.82 \pm 2.55$	$20.19 \pm 14.28$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$39.83 \pm 8.31$	$3056.09 \pm 34.93$	$4160.37 \pm 41.13$	$8155.28 \pm 56.98$	7.20e-02	2.27e-07

### Sensitivity scan

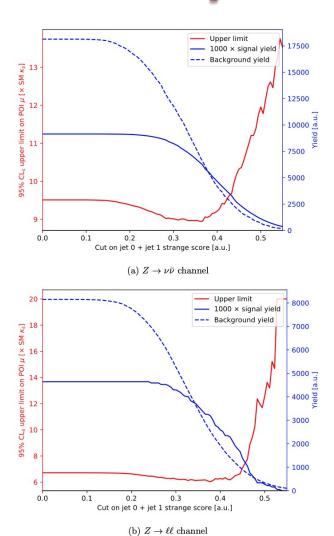
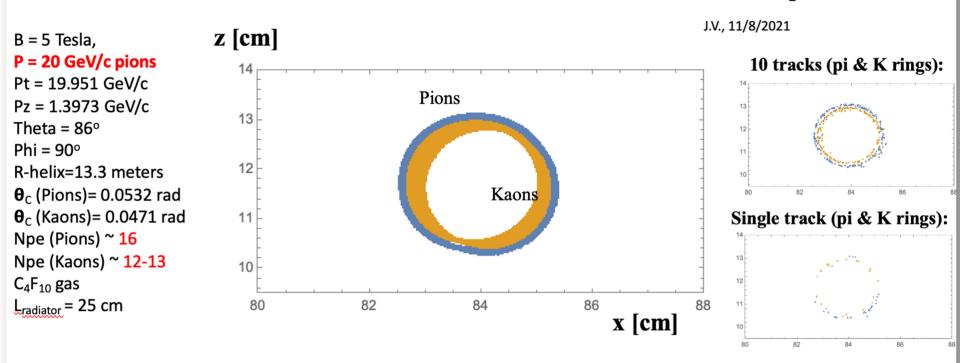


Figure 13: Scans of the 95%  ${\rm CL}_s$  upper limit for the Higgs-strange coupling strength modifier  $\kappa_s$ , obtained by varying the choice of the lower thresholds on the discriminants shown in Figure 12. Also shown are the signal (i.e.,  $h(\to s\bar s)Z(\to \ell\ell/\nu\bar\nu)$ ) and background (i.e., non- $h(\to s\bar s)Z(\to \ell\ell/\nu\bar\nu)$ ) yields in the resulting regions.

#### Gaseous RICH with SiPMTs – performance

#### Pion and Kaon rings at SiPMT detector for $\theta_{dip} = 86^{\circ}$

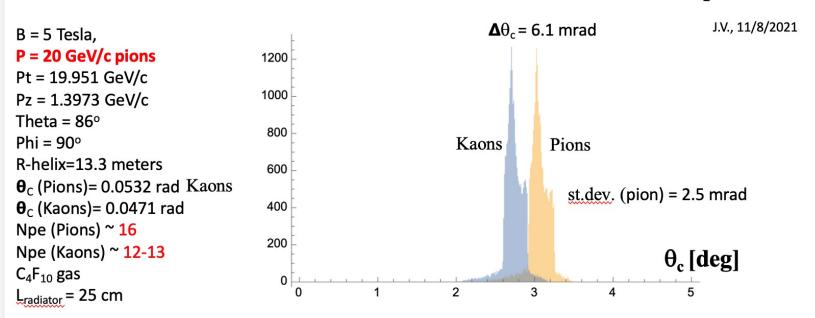


• Plot all {xfinal[i] & zfinal[i]} 2D-hits in detector plane, no cuts, no fitting.

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#### Gaseous RICH with SiPMTs – performance

#### Cherenkov angle distributions for $\theta_{dip} = 86^{\circ}$



- For each hit detector plane calculate  $r[i] = Sqrt\{(xfinal[i] x_0)^2 + (zfinal[i) z_0)^2\}$ , then for each entry calculate  $\theta_c[i] = r[i]/25$  for Pion and Kaon and plot them; no cuts.
- Calculate mean and standard deviation of each distributions.
- Distributions are not Gaussian. Clearly, one needs to fit circles with weighting.

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#### Comparison with existing projections

- Discovery measurement seems unlikely looking at tagger with truth PID
  - For 30% signal efficiency, need 10,000x better background rejection
  - Set limits on coupling strength modifier  $\kappa s$  at O(6) x SM prediction using 2000 fb-1 of data at  $\sqrt{s} = 250$  GeV
- Sensitivity is *limited* but more promising than previous projections derived from unitarity bounds or exclusive Higgs decays

